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Hamburg, 29 May 2015 - Rickmers Holding GmbH & Cie. KG, parent of the shipping company Rickmers Group, is to become a stock corporation. The move was resolved today by the Shareholders' Meeting. The entry in the Commercial Register of the new corporate form is expected to take place by the end of June 2015. Following this entry, the company will henceforth do business as Rickmers Holding AG.

In its first meeting, the Supervisory Board elected Mr Bertram R.C. Rickmers as Chairman of the Supervisory Board and Mr Jost Hellmann as Deputy Chairman. The Supervisory Board appointed Dr Ignace Van Meenen and Prof. Dr Mark-Ken Erdmann as Members of the Rickmers Holding AG Executive Board.

The conversion of Rickmers Holding into a stock corporation has no effect whatsoever on the corporate bond issued by Rickmers Holding GmbH & Cie. KG, as the issuer itself remains unchanged even though it has adopted a new form of incorporation.

Information and Explanation of the Issuer to this News:

'With the announcement of the decision taken today we are very well positioned to take advantage of current and future growth opportunities arising from the consolidation of the shipping sector. Our initial focus is on the further expansion of our portfolio of energy-efficient container ships, which our customers are increasingly demanding', explains Dr Ignace Van Meenen, Rickmers Group CEO.

'The conversion of Rickmers Holding to a stock corporation represents a further milestone in the history of our company, and is closely linked to the plans already announced to strengthen the Rickmers Group's own equity and internal financing capacity. It also provides us with options to implement these measures at Group level', adds Prof. Dr Mark-Ken Erdmann, Rickmers Group CFO.

About Rickmers Group

With its Head Offices in Hamburg and Singapore, the Rickmers Group is an international service provider for the shipping industry. Its international structure comprises around 20 offices in eleven countries and more than 50 agents worldwide. The Rickmers Group's business activities are grouped into three segments: Maritime Assets, Maritime Services and the Rickmers-Linie.

In the Maritime Assets segment the Rickmers Group is active as Asset Manager for its own vessels and also for those of third parties. Rickmers initiates and coordinates shipping projects, organises financing and

acquires, charters and sells ships. In the Maritime Services business segment the Rickmers Group provides ship management services for the Rickmers Group's own vessels as well as for those owned by third parties; these services comprise technical and operational management, crewing, newbuild supervision, consultancy and insurance-related services. In the Rickmers-Linie business segment the Rickmers Group operates as a shipping line for breakbulk, heavy lift and project cargo, and additionally offers individual voyages.

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